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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Additional Positions for FI/RI

REFERENCE: Memo to DD/P fr C/ADMIN/DDP, subj as above, dtd 20 Jan 54

1. Public Law 203, 83rd Congress, titled "Refugee Relief Act of 1953" authorizes the entrance into this country over a period of the next three years a total of 214,000 aliens. Section 11 of this act requires that "no alien shall be issued a visa under this Act or be admitted into the United States unless there shall have first been a thorough investigation and written report made and prepared by such investigative agency or agencies of the Government of the United States as the President shall designate"

2. Executive Order 10487 provides that the Department of State is the Agency to prepare the investigations and reports required under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Sections 2 and 3 read as follows:

Sec. 2. The Department of the Army and such other agencies of the Government as the Department of State may request shall, in accordance with arrangements agreed upon between the Department of State and any such agency, furnish the Department of State such assistance as it may need in carrying out its responsibilities under Section 1 of this order.

Sec. 3. The funds appropriated under the heading "Emergency Migration" appearing in Chapter VII of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1954 (Public Law 207, 83d Congress, approved August 7, 1953) are hereby transferred to the Department of State. The Secretary of State may allocate to agencies other than the Department of State such portions of the transferred funds as he shall determine.

25X9A2 3. The Department of State desires name checks by this Agency on each of the aliens to be admitted under the Refugee Relief Act. Based on experience the Records Integration Division of the FI Staff, which will be the unit required to perform these name checks, estimates that in excess of 500,000 names will have to be checked and over 16,000 memos written in order to perform this task. Based on a three-year spread of workload, an additional [redacted] positions will be required for the RI Division to perform this task. It is not possible for the RI Division to absorb this workload in addition to its present workload. RI already has a current backlog of 16,000 name checks for other U.S. agencies with no immediate prospect of reducing this backlog with its presently authorized working force. The addition of [redacted] positions to meet the requirements proposed by the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 would provide no assistance in handling the normal workload requirements of the RI Division.


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4. The personnel requirements indicated above are not required as a permanent addition to the DD/P authorized personnel ceiling. These [redacted] positions are needed only for the specific purpose described above to carry out

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25X9A2 a one-time special project required of us in effect by an act of Congress. It is recommended, therefore, that the DD/P be authorized to establish on a project overhead basis ~~headquarters~~ positions to be utilized only for the purpose described above and during the period required to meet the requirements of Public Law 203, 83d Congress and Executive Order 10487. It is understood that these project positions will be eliminated when the specific requirement for which they are established has been completely met. If approval is granted appropriate grade levels will be determined by the Wage and Classification Division of the Personnel Office.

5. Funds for this purpose are available within the total funds initially authorized for DD/P activities for Fiscal Year 1954. No Agency reserve funds will be needed for this purpose.

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Chief of Administration, DD/P

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Asst. Director for Personnel

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